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## **Provider Notice 00-05**

**TO:** Medicaid Physicians, Pharmacies, FQHC's, RHC's and Nursing Homes

**RE:** Xenical (Orlistat) Prior Authorization

**Effective July 1, 2000**, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will begin coverage of Xenical (Orlistat), a drug classified by the FDA as a lipase inhibitor. **Prior authorization will be required for payment of Xenical.** The [attached](#) forms should be utilized by the prescribing physician or the dispensing pharmacy in requesting prior authorization. Requests may be faxed, or mailed to:

**Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation (AQAF)  
Medicaid Pharmacy Administrative Services  
One Perimeter Park South, Suite 200 N  
Birmingham, AL 35243-2354  
Fax: 888-329-6759 or 205-977-4215  
Phone: 888-633-2243 or 888-MED-CAID**

PA requests failing to meet Medicaid criteria will be denied. If the prescribing physician believes medical justification should be considered, the physician must submit a written letter of medical justification along with the prior authorization form. Additional information may be requested. Staff physicians will review this information.

Policy questions concerning this provider notice should be directed to Louise F. Jones, Acting Associate Director, Program Management at 334-242-5039. Questions regarding prior authorization procedures should be directed to the AQAF help desk at 1-888-MED-CAID.

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